

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
November 1, 2016
AS APPROVED 11/15/16

A regular meeting of the Algonac City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 by Mayor Irene Bird. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Bembas
Irene Bird, Mayor
Ray Martin
Helen Meldrum
Joe Nugent
Mark Thompson, Mayor-Pro-Tem
Gary Tuzinowski

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Alexander, Gale Anthony,
Michelle Landry, Jill Modena, Diane Strevel,
Ada Smith, Karen Cole, Michelle Nolan,
Amanda Gougeon, Cathy Jones, Jacob Skarbek,
Eileen Tesch, Jean Bissett, Kelly Skarbek,
George LaParl, Nancy LaPartl, Dennis Tuzinowski,
David Tuzinowski, Meladee Tuzinowski,
Steen Tuzinowski, City Clerk Greenia

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Mayor Bird called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Cole addressed Council Member Tuzinowski with the following:

“Gary, I want to publically thank you for your years of dedicated service to the City of Algonac and to the region. You have demonstrated that you are well informed on issues affecting community life and you demonstrate that you are a person with humility and great integrity. These qualities inspire confidence and trust in a public servant. Thank you. “

Jill Modena wanted to thank Jake Skarbek for the job he had done at the house next to her located at 1813 St. Clair River Drive. She also thanked City Council and the City Manager for their efforts. She added that Jake seems to be a great young man and citizen.

Jake Skarbek, 587 Market, described what they did at 1813 St. Clair River Drive and how much brush they removed from this address. He gave the City Manager pictures of the before and after.

Michelle Nolan, Algonac shared that she had once again got the Algonac Flea Market started. She described that this is good for the community and reviewed the way in which it would help Algonac and its’ service organizations.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CO #11-01-19 Approve City Manager’s Report

Motion by Nugent supported by Martin to approve the City Manager’s report of October 28, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the November 1, 2016 meeting of the Algonac City Council:

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) City Council Minutes
 - 1) Regular Minutes October 20, 2016
 - b) Communications and Notices
 - c) Departmental Report

CO # 11-02-16 Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda for the Algonac City Council for the November 1, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Dream Center Proposal**

City Manager Alexander stated that no new contact had been made since the last Council meeting.

1813 St. Clair River Drive

City Manager Alexander referred to earlier comments on this matter.

NEW

BUSINESS

CO # 11-03-16 Approve Request from Goodfellows Annual Candy Cane Sale

Motion by Thompson supported by Bembas to approve the request from the Downriver Goodfellows and approve the annual sale of Candy Canes for the dates of November 25, 26 and 27, 2016 in the City of Algonac as requested. Motion carried.

CO # 11-04-16 Approve Request from Goodfellows Annual Newspaper Sale

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Nugent to approve the request from the Downriver Goodfellows and approve the annual Newspaper sale for the dates of December 10th and 11th, 2016 in the City of Algonac as requested. Motion carried.

CO # 11-05-16 Adoption of Medical Marihuana Facilities Policy Statement

Motion by Martin supported by Bembas to adopt Resolution # 11-01-16a regarding the City's Policy on Medical Marihuana Facilities. Motion carried.

CO # 11-06-16 Waive Bid Procedure and Award Utility Patch Work to James P. Contracting

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to waive the bid procedure and adopt the recommendation of the City Manager to waive the bid process and accept the proposal of James P. in the amount of \$11,015.00 to complete utility patch and paving improvements.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Bembas, Bird, Martin, Meldrum, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

CO # 11-07-16 Approval of Special Events Permit Christmas Tree Sales

Motion by Nugent supported by Martin to approve the Special Events Permit application from the Greater Algonac Chamber of Commerce to allow the sale of Christmas Trees at Riverfront Park from November 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. through December 20, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. as requested. Motion carried.

CO # 11-08-16 Approval of Bid Award for Snow Removal – Sidewalks

Motion by Tuzinowski supported by Meldrum to award the bid for snow removal on the sidewalks to Stephen B's Landscape for an amount of \$22.00 per 50' of sidewalk and \$40.00 per 50' of sidewalk removal with salting for the 2016/17 season.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Bird, Martin, Meldrum, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bembas

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO # 11-09-16 Approval of Bid Award for Snow Removal Municipal Parking Lots

Motion by Thompson supported by Martin to award the bid for snow removal of municipal parking lots to Maple Landscape in the amount of \$103.00 for the library parking lot per occurrence and \$80.00 for the Algonac Water Department Plant per occurrence for the 2016/17 season.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Martin, Meldrum, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bembas, Bird,

NAYS: None Motion Carried

CO # 11-10-16 Purchase of Lighting for City Hall

Motion by Martin supported by Nugent to adopt the recommendation of the City Manager and waive the bid process and purchase 45 LED Lay-in Troffer light fixtures from Home Depot in the amount of \$2,698.65 for the City Hall lighting improvement project.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: , Meldrum, Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bembas. Bird, Martin

NAYS: Motion Carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CO # 11-11-16 Approve Accounts Payable

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to approve and pay accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$101,006.33.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: , Nugent, Thompson, Tuzinowski, Bembas, Bird, Martin, Meldrum

NAYS: Motion Carried

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson wanted to thank Council Member Tuzinowski for all of his years of service to the City and it's residents.

Council Member Martin wanted to thank Gene Harder of St. Clair River Drive for giving the folks on Colonial Lane a place to park during the work that is being done. The contractor will fix Gene's yard for any damage that had been done.

He also thanked Council Member Tuzinowski for all of the time he has given the City . He has been a part of so many things that are good about the City.

Council Member Nugent thanked Council Member Tuzinowski for everything – and echoed the sentiments of Council Member Martin and Mayor Pro-Tem Thompson.

Mayor Bird wished Council Member Tuzinowski enjoyment in the new chapter in his life.

Council Member Bembas thanked Council Member Tuzinowski for everything he had done for the City. He set a great example as a Council Member – he was always professional and calm. He will be missed.

Council Member Tuzinowski said he had given a lot of thought to this night. He first wanted to share that his hope was that the voters would re-elect the council members that were currently sitting on the board at this time.

He then stated that he always tries to look for the good in things. That the issue we are currently facing with the Dream Center/Woodside Bible Church, has brought the community to show it's passion for our City. He reminded everyone in the audience that this is their town.

He said that he had been with the City a long time, but others – like Charles Johnson, had been there even longer.

Lastly he wanted to say that often times the giver receives more than the taker –and he has felt very lucky and fortunate to serve for so many years.

Council Member Meldrum stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside Council Member Tuzinowski for the past 12 years. He was smart, kind, funny, fair minded and fearless. She said she wanted to be like him when she grew up. She stated she felt lucky to serve the citizens of Algonac.

ADJOURNMENT

CO # 11-12-16 Adjournment

Motion by Thompson supported by Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cynthia Greenia, Clerk